

Exhibit No. 31Date 3-29-07Amendments to House Bill No. 820 Bill No. HB 820
Committee Study Bill

Requested by Senator Ken (Kim) Hansen

For the Senate Finance and Claims Committee

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1. Page C-1, line 6.

Strike: "9,175,860 9,208,013" [state special revenue FY08 and FY09]**Insert:** "9,231,007 9,263,160" [state special revenue FY08 and FY09]

2. Page C-1, line 8.

Strike: "4,624,800 4,671,412" [state special revenue FY08 and FY09]**Insert:** "4,824,800 4,871,412" [state special revenue FY08 and FY09]**Strike:** "7,320,593 7,337,963" [federal special revenue FY08 and FY09]**Insert:** "7,920,593 7,937,963" [federal special revenue FY08 and FY09]

3. Page C-1, line 12.

Strike: "7,798,861 7,807,141" [state special revenue FY08 and FY09]**Insert:** "7,968,979 7,947,403" [state special revenue FY08 and FY09]

4. Page C-1, line 14.

Strike: "4,612,130 4,627,987" [state special revenue FY08 and FY09]**Insert:** "4,951,482 4,967,409" [state special revenue FY08 and FY09]**Strike:** "4,031,043 4,047,014" [federal special revenue FY08 and FY09]**Insert:** "4,718,543 4,734,514" [federal special revenue FY08 and FY09]

5. Page C-1, line 20.

Strike: "7,318,238 7,342,775" [state special revenue FY08 and FY09]**Insert:** "7,550,424 7,575,151" [state special revenue FY08 and FY09]

6. Page C-1, line 24.

Strike: "2,406,997 2,416,202" [state special revenue FY08 and FY09]

Insert: "2,411,997 2,421,202" [state special revenue FY08 and FY09]

7. Page C-2, line 1.

Strike: "9,284,165 9,354,493" [state special revenue FY08 and FY09]

Insert: "9,509,817 9,578,784" [state special revenue FY08 and FY09]

Explanation - This amendment makes the following changes:

Item 1: Adds state special revenue authority of \$55,147 per year for a biennial total of \$110,294 to the Field Services Division of Fish, Wildlife and Parks to be used for the game damage program to herd game animals away from crops and stored hay/grain to mitigate damage on private property and 1.00 FTE to provide oversight to the over 50 conservation easements held by the department. (DP 203 & DP206)

Item 2: Provides the following authority, state special revenue \$200,000 each year of the biennium for a total of \$400,000 and federal special revenue of \$600,000 each year of the biennium for a total of \$1.2 million. This provides the Fisheries Division of Fish, Wildlife and Parks authority for the State Wildlife Grants program to conserve native fish and wildlife species and reduce the potential for federal listing of species.

Item 3: Adds \$170,118 in FY08 and \$140,262 in FY09 per year of the biennium for a total of \$310,380 for the Enforcement Division of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks for the purpose of potentially conducting a public review of hunting related use of off highway vehicles (DP 410) and to fund 2.00 FTE to provide enforcement of state trust land recreational use rules. (DP 412)

Item 4: Adds state special revenue of \$339,352 in FY08 and \$339,422 in FY09 for a total of \$678,744 to the Wildlife Division of Fish, Wildlife and Parks for 1.00 FTE to provide wildlife conflict specialist to respond to nuisance bears and mountain lions in the wild land urban interface, authority for the State Wildlife Grants program to conserve native fish and wildlife species and for big game survey and inventory. (DP502) (DP507) (DP501) This also adds federal special revenue of \$687,500 each year of the biennium for a total of \$1,375,000 for state wildlife grants and survey and inventory. (PD507) (DP501)

Item 5: to Adds state special revenue of \$232,186 in FY08 and

\$232,376 in FY 09 for a total of \$464,562 to restore authority for modified FTE used to provide supervision to volunteer groups and the Montana Conservation Corps to complete special projects, to fund increased maintenance and operation costs for fishing access sites and state parks. (DP607) (DP606) (DP605)

Item 6: Adds \$5,000 of state special revenue each year of the biennium for a total of \$10,000 to the Communication and Education Division of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks by for the purpose of increasing public information and safety efforts regarding the use of off highway vehicles. (DP 804)

Item 7: Adds state special revenue fo \$225,652 in FY08 and \$224,291 in FY09 for a total of \$449,943 for the biennium to the Management and Finance Division of Fish, Wildlife and Parks for the purpose of providing 3.00 FTE to establish river recreation management programs. This is to be funded with revenue from commercial use permits. (DP915)